Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 2 - Writing Homework | 5-Day Intensive Writing

Section 1

#1: Introduction (First paragraph)

Strengths:

- Your opening directly addresses the reader and lists clear benefits of reading, which immediately tells your audience what the piece will cover.
- You've included three main points (vocabulary/grammar, relaxation, and creativity) that create a solid structure for your essay.

Missing explanation of key claim → Your opening sentence states that reading "raises the amount of recognition (as in info) in your ready brain," but this phrase is unclear and doesn't connect to the rest of your paragraph. What does "recognition" mean here? What is a "ready brain"? The sentence doesn't flow naturally into your main argument about writing skills, stress, and creativity. Your reader needs a clearer introduction that directly links to your three main benefits without confusing technical-sounding phrases.

Exemplar: "Reading is a powerful tool that can help you in many ways. Whether you struggle with writing, feel stressed, or want to become more creative, reading regularly can make a real difference."

#2: Body paragraph on creativity (Second paragraph)

Strengths:

- You've included a specific statistic (75% of children) which adds weight to your argument.
- The paragraph stays focused on one main idea: how reading boosts creativity.

Lack of depth in explanation → Whilst you mention that reading "broadens your perspective" and "lets readers visualise worlds," you haven't explained *how* this actually happens or given any concrete examples. Why does visualising worlds make someone more creative in their own writing? What kinds of new ideas might readers discover? Your paragraph would be stronger if you expanded on the connection between reading different books and becoming more creative yourself, perhaps by explaining what happens when readers experience different characters, settings, or problems.

Exemplar: "When you read stories about different characters facing challenges, you begin to imagine how you might solve problems in new ways. For instance, reading a mystery novel might inspire you to create your own detective character, whilst a fantasy book could give you ideas for building imaginary worlds in your writing."

#3: Conclusion (Final paragraph)

Strengths:

You've summarised your three main points clearly, reminding readers of the key benefits.

Overly demanding call to action \rightarrow Your conclusion tells readers they "need to grab a book, sit down and read a whole book, complete that cycle daily." This instruction is quite extreme and unrealistic. Reading an entire book every single day is a huge time commitment that most people cannot manage, especially students with homework, activities, and other responsibilities. This weakens your argument because readers might feel discouraged rather than motivated. A more reasonable suggestion about starting with shorter reading sessions would be more helpful and believable.

Exemplar: "So why not start today? Try reading for just 10-15 minutes before bed, or carry a book with you to read during breaks. Even small amounts of regular reading can lead to the wonderful benefits discussed in this piece."

■ Your piece presents three clear benefits of reading with an organised structure that's easy to follow. You've included some evidence (statistics and research mentions) which strengthens your points. However, your writing would benefit from deeper explanations that show how and why reading creates these benefits, rather than just stating that it does. For example, when discussing creativity, you could explain the process of how reading different stories expands thinking patterns, or give specific examples of books that might inspire different types of creative writing. Additionally, some of your supporting details need more development—the comparison between reading and yoga is interesting, but you haven't explained what those "psychological benefits" actually are or how they work. Your body paragraphs, particularly the stress relief section, could be expanded by describing what happens in your mind and body when you read peacefully for a few minutes. Think about adding real examples that your readers can relate to: what kinds of books are relaxing? What might someone visualise whilst reading that sparks creativity? Also, reconsider your conclusion's suggestion to read a whole book daily—this feels overwhelming rather than encouraging. Your overall argument would be more

convincing if you focused on realistic, achievable reading habits and explained the deeper connections between reading and its benefits, helping your readers truly understand why these effects occur.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2

Reading Raises the amount of recognition (as in info) in your ready brain [#1 Reading is a powerful tool that can help you in many ways.]

Have bad writing skills, stressed out or even just want to be more creative? [Do you struggle with writing, feel stressed, or want to become more creative?] Well reading is the exact skill that can help you with all of them. Reading boosts your vocabulary and grammar skills so you can write using stronger words, it's [it is] relaxing and it will boost your creativity in writing your own texts. This will cause a significant boost in our [your] learning capabilities.

How does reading boost creativity skills?

Reading obviously enhances creativity skills because it will broaden your perspective with new ideas to write about. [#2 Reading enhances creativity skills by broadening your perspective and introducing you to new ideas.] It lets readers visualise worlds in their minds and make readers expand their minds [encourages them to think beyond their everyday experiences]. Statistics show that 75% of children have increased their creativity and imagination by reading daily. Therefore students must read daily so they can boost creativity skills. [Therefore, reading regularly can significantly boost your creative thinking and imagination.]

Reading relieves stress

Clearly reading can relieve your stress because reading gives you quiet time and time to relax. [Reading can effectively relieve stress by providing quiet time and an opportunity to relax.] Do you know how yoga relieves stress? Well reading has the same psychological benefits of [as] yoga in stress relief terms. In fact [,] The University of Melbourne has even proven as little as [that as few as] 5 minutes of reading

can reduce stress levels. Also [Additionally,] after reading your stress levels can drop by 68%. Thus reading can certainly relieve your stress.

Reading enhances writing skills.

Obviously reading improves [Reading clearly improves] writing skills by enhancing your vocabulary and sentence structures. Reading significantly improves your writing because it can make you write more, use better words and have [develop] better sentence structures. Research from the Australian Education Research Organisation proves that reading improves overall writing performance, quality and how much writing you do. Thus reading impacts your writing in a good way to improve it [positive and meaningful way].

In conclusion, this is clear evidence that reading has tons of marvellous benefits. [#3 In conclusion, reading offers numerous marvellous benefits that can enhance your life.] Reading can reduce stress, improve creativity skills and improve writing skills. So today you need to grab a book, sit down and read a whole book, complete that cycle daily and you will see benefits. [So why not start today? Try reading for just 10-15 minutes before bed, or carry a book with you to read during breaks. Even small amounts of regular reading can lead to these wonderful benefits.]